

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Pays et al.

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INTERNAL WALL WITHIN A VESSEL

Group Art Unit: 3781

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED SEPT. 03, 2009

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office action dated September 3, 2009. The Office action states that the inventions of Group I, claims 1-8 and Group II, claims 9-15 require restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Applicant(s) hereby elect without traverse to prosecute the Group II invention, claims 9-15, canceling Group I claims 1-8 without prejudice.

Should any fees be required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 50-2183.

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